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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT TO MOSCOW DTG 12 JUL 75 FM SECSTATE

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON PNES

FOR PNE DELEGATION

1. JULY 12 NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES BONN ARTICLE BY FLORA LEWIS, ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY. EXCERPTS FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT. BOTH AMERICANS AND RUSSIANS CONFIRMED THAT MOSCOW HAD ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT INSPECTION OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS CONDUCTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A PLANNED "NUCLEAR THRESHOLD TREATY."

THE TREATY WOULD SET 150 KILOTONS -- THE EQUIVALENT OF 150,000 TONS OF TNT -- AS THE CEILING ON UNDERGROUND WEAPONS TESTS, ALTHOUGH EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

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COULD BE HIGHER IF THE UNITED STATES COULD VERIFY THAT THEY WERE REALLY NONMILITARY. THE HIROSHIMA BOMB HAD A FORCE OF 20 KILOTONS. THE CEILING WOULD NOT INHIBIT THE KIND OF WEAPONS TESTS BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN

FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SMALLER WEAPONS.

UNDERSTANDING REACHED

MR. GROMYKO TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY THAT AN "UNDER-
STANDING" HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR
ON-SITE INSPECTION OF EXPLOSIONS. ON MR. KISSINGER'S
PLANE TO BONN, IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD
ACTUALLY ACCEPTED THIS PRINCIPLE FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
EXPLOSIONS DURING LAST YEAR'S NIXON-BREZHNEV MEETING IN
MOSCOW AND THAT IT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED RECENTLY.

SPECIFICS WERE NOT YET FULLY WORKED OUT, BUT THE
UNITED STATES EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO SEND
OBSERVERS TO WATCH EXPLOSIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION THAT
COME WITHIN THE AGREED CATEGORY AND SOVIET OBSERVERS
WOULD BE ALLOWED TO WATCH SIMILAR EXPLOSIONS IN AMERICA...

PLANS FOR THE THRESHOLD AGREEMENT MAY PROVOKE SOME
PROBLEMS AT THE GENEVA DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE BECAUSE
OTHER COUNTRIES ARE PRESSING FOR A TOTAL BAN ON NUCLEAR
TESTS.

U.S. SEES DISTINCTION

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR JOSEPH MARTIN SAID AT THE
DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE YESTERDAY THAT ANY EXPLOSION
CONDUCTED BY A NONNUCLEAR POWER COULD GIVE IT THE
CAPACITY TO MAKE WEAPONS, WHILE IT MIGHT NOT BE SIGNIFI-
CANT TO A POWER THAT ALREADY HAS ATOMIC ARMS. THIS
DISTINCTION, PRMITTING PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS WITH A
POSSIBILITY OF INSPECTION FOR THE SUPERPOWERS BUT SEEK
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TO RULE IT OUT FOR OTHERS, IS LIKELY TO BRING PROTESTS
FROM NONNUCLEAR COUNTRIES.

NONETHELESS, SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF
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INSPECTION MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE SOVIET-
AMERICAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT. INGERSOLL
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